

thou art she who delightest the earth by
thy greatness.

2. Wanderer in various ways thy
worshippers
hymn thee with (sacred) songs; thee who,
bright-
hued, tosses the swollen (cloud) like a
neighing horse.

3. Thou who, with solid earth, sustainest
by thy
strength the forest lords, when the
showers of thy
cloud fall from the shining sky,

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The deity is VARUNA; the *Riski* ATRI; the metre
Triskubh.

1. Offer a solemn, profound, and
acceptable prayer Vargaxxx.
to the imperial and renowned VARUNA, who
has spread
the firmament as a bed for the sun,¹
as the immolator
(spreads) the skin of the victim.

4. He has extended the firmament over
the tops of
the trees, has given strength to horses,
milk to cows,
determination to the heart: he has placed
fire in the
waters,² the sun in heaven, the Sowta-
plant in the
mountain.³

5. VARUNA has set free the (water of the)
down-
ward opening cloud for the (benefit of the)
heaven,
the earth, and the firmament; thence is he
monarch

meaning, and apply also to the *antarlksham*, or
firmament, when
the subsequent phrases, *parvatndm khidram*
bibharshi, will
mean, thou sustainest the fracture, or opening of
the clouds, and
majind jinoski Ihumim, thou delightest the earth
with great or
abundant rain.

¹ S% vol. i. p. 62, note 8.

² Either the lightning amidst the rain, or the submarine
fire:
the *Tujush*, 4. 31., reads *viks/iu* for *apsu*, he placed in
people,
or human beings,- digestive fire.

* *Somctm adrau*: the *Suma* creeper,
MuUdjiara observes,
grows in the clefts of the stones of mountains,
parvatndai
pdshdnasandfiisku somavallyd

vtpddyamdnicdt.